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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 2081

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CZ

SUBJECT: CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PRAGUE 2080

1. WHILE I WAS AT MFA TO RECEIVE FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR OPENING OF CLAIMS TALKS SEPTEMBER 10, SIXTH DEPT. DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY TOLD ME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WISHED TO SEE ME.
  2. TANNED AND RELAXED (AS SAYING GOES) FROM VACATION FROM WHICH HE RETURNED TO WORK YESTERDAY, CHNOUPEK GREETED ME AND THEN REFERRED WARMLY TO RECENT VISIT OF SECRETARY ROGERS WHICH HE REGARDED AS EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IN SETTING STAGE FOR NEXT WEEK'S CLAIMS TALKS AND NEXT MONTH'S EXCHANGES NEGOTIATIONS.
  3. TURNING TO CLAIMS, CHNOUPEK REFERRED IN PASSING TO HISTORY OF ATTEMPT AT SETTLEMENT, AND SAID THAT CZECHS WERE READY TO SEEK AGREEMENT IN CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT IN KEEPING WITH WILL TO IMPROVE STATE OF US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS EXPRESSED BY CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP DURING RECENT VISITS BY US OFFICIALS. HE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD, HE KNEW, BE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, SINCE HE AND SECRETARY ROGERS
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HAD AGREED THAT WE MUST AVOID LETTING TALKS BOG DOWN IN

DETAILS, AND THUS "GOING ON FOR YEARS," HE HOPED THAT TALKS COULD BE COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY IN SHORT TIME. WE COULD THEN, HE SAID, LATER TURN TO COMMERCIAL TALKS WHICH SHOULD PROVE VALUABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

4. BEFORE CLOSING, CHNOUPEK REMARKED THAT I WAS GOING TO BRNO THURSDAY FOR OPENING OF TRADE FAIR, ASKED ABOUT US EXHIBIT, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT OUR EXHIBIT ON OPENING DAY AND, IF I DID NOT MIND, HE WOULD BRING GENERAL SECRETARY HUSAK.  
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